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**Margaret Botkins  
Clerk of Court**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE,  
INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM  
ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO  
NEW MEXICO OIL & GAS  
ASSOCIATION, NORTH DAKOTA  
PETROLEUM COUNCIL,  
PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF  
WYOMING, and UTAH PETROLEUM  
ASSOCIATION,

Petitioners,

vs.

DEB HAALAND, in her official capacity  
as Secretary of the Interior, and UNITED  
STATES BUREAU OF LAND  
MANAGEMENT,

Federal Respondents,

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY, CITIZENS FOR A  
HEALTHY COMMUNITY, FRIENDS  
OF THE EARTH, MONTANA  
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION  
CENTER, PRAIRIE HILLS AUDUBON  
SOCIETY, SIERRA CLUB, and  
WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF  
RESOURCE COUNCILS,

Intervenor-Respondents.

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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND BRIEFING SCHEDULE  
AND PAGE LIMITS**

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This matter is before the Court on the parties' *Joint Motion to Extend Briefing Schedule and Page Limits* ("Motion"). ECF No. 39. The basis for the *Motion* is as follows:

Because Petitioners filed their opening merits brief on November 8, 2024, Dkt. 38, the default briefing schedule established by Local Rule 83.6(c) requires responsive briefs to be filed on December 9 and a reply brief to be filed December 23, 2024. Given the intervening Thanksgiving holiday, Federal Respondents require additional time until December 17, 2024, to file a responsive brief. And Intervenor-Respondents require until January 6, 2025, to avoid duplication of arguments and interruption to winter holidays. Petitioners require until January 31, 2025, to reply to the two responsive briefs and additionally require a modest extension of 3,250 additional words to respond to both briefs. This is the first request by each party to modify these deadlines.

*Id.* at 2.

Having reviewed and considered the *Motion*, the Court finds that good cause exists for the requested extension. Therefore, the parties' *Motion* is **GRANTED**, and accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

- Federal Respondents' response brief shall be filed by **December 17, 2024**;
- Intervenor-Respondents' response brief shall be filed by **January 6, 2025**; and
- Petitioners' reply brief shall be filed by **January 31, 2025**.
- Finally, Petitioners' reply brief may be up to but shall not exceed 9,750 words.<sup>1</sup>

Dated this 4th day of December, 2024.




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Scott P. Klosterman  
United States Magistrate Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32(a)(7)(B), a principal brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 13,000 words and a reply brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 6,500 words. See U.S.D.C.L.R. 83.6(c) ("Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, briefs shall be filed in accordance with Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(4) through (a)(7).").